

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas on March 20, 1854, 50 men, 3 women, and 1 child assembled in a simple frame schoolhouse, now known as the Little White Schoolhouse, in Ripon, Wisconsin, to advocate the creation of a new political party under the name “Republican”;

Whereas this March 20, 1854, meeting in Ripon, Wisconsin was the first of many grassroots meetings that led to the formal founding of the Republican Party;

Whereas the city of Ripon is commemorating the 150th anniversary of the first meeting of the Republican Party with a celebration entitled “From Schoolhouse to White House; a Celebration of Active Citizenship,” which includes a series of civic and educational events;

Whereas the Little White Schoolhouse is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, was designated by the Department of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark on May 30, 1974, and attracts visitors from around the world; and

Whereas the Little White Schoolhouse serves as a symbol of civic responsibility and grassroots political activism: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress commemorates the 150th an-

- 1 niversary of the first meeting of the Republican Party in
- 2 Ripon, Wisconsin.

Passed the Senate March 8, 2004.

Attest:

Secretary.

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